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1) Responsive to communi	cation(s) filed on 13 Ma	av 2000						
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL .	· · ·	action is non-final.						
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•	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Disposition of Claims								
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>168-171,177,1</u>	80 and 183-206 islare r	pending in the application						
4a) Of the above claim(s		-						
5) Claim(s) is/are al		Without consideration.						
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>168-171, 177,</u>		rejected						
7) Claim(s) <u>100-171, 177,</u> 1 Claim(s) is/are ob		rejected.						
8) Claim(s) are subj	•	e election requirement						
	ect to restriction and/or	election requirement.						
Application Papers								
9)☐ The specification is object	cted to by the Examine	r.						
10)□ The drawing(s) filed on _	is/are: a)□ acce	epted or b) objected to by the	Examiner.					
Applicant may not request	that any objection to the o	drawing(s) be held in abeyance. Se	e 37 CFR 1.85(a).					
Replacement drawing shee	et(s) including the correcti	on is required if the drawing(s) is ob	ejected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).					
11)☐ The oath or declaration is	11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.							
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119								
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 								
Attachment(s) 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-89) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Draftsperson's Patent Draftsperson's Patent Draftsperson's Patent Notice of Draftsperson's Paper Notice Noti	wing Review (PTO-948) (PTO/SB/08)	4) Interview Summary Paper No(s)/Mail D 5) Notice of Informal F 6) Other:	ate					

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 168-171, 177, 180 and 183-206 are pending.

Claims 67, 172-176, 178, 179, 181 and 182 have been canceled.

Claims 168-171, 177 and 180 have been amended.

Claims have been added 183-206.

Claims 168-171, 177, 180 and 183-206 are examined on the merits.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Withdrawn Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

- 3. The rejection of claims 168-171, 177 and 180 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement is withdrawn. Claims 67, 172-176, 178, 179, 181 and 182 have been cancelled.
- 4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

 The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and disting

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5. The rejection of claims 168-171 and 177 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention has been withdrawn in light of amendments and cancellation of claims. Claims 67, 172, 176 and 178 have been

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cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 7. The rejection of claims 67 and 168-176 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 98/07035 (published 19 February 1998) is withdrawn in light of the amendments submitted May 13, 2009. Claims 67 and 172-176 have been cancelled.

New Grounds of Rejection

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

9. Claims 168-171, 177, 180, 192-195 and 197-206 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Independent claims 168, 169, 197 and 198 read on a kit comprising reference

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molecules consisting of a thrombospondin fragment, derivatized thrombospondin fragment, peptide derived form a thrombospondin fragment and derivatized peptide derived from a thrombospondin fragment and fragments or peptides corresponding to or within a region of thrombospondin. Applicants' specification acknowledges these derivatives however, Applicants' claims embody a host of molecules that range in structure and conformation, see specification pages 11, 13, 14, 27 and 41. The plethora of derivatives of thrombospondin molecules have not been identified in the claims and consequently the term embodies any molecule.

Applicant is reminded that *Vas-Cath* makes clear that the written description provision of 35 U.S.C. 112 is severable from its enablement provision (see page 115).

With the exception of an antibody that binds thrombospondin and fragments thereof, the skilled artisan cannot envision the detailed structure or activity of all binding agents and therefore conception is not achieved until reduction to practice has occurred, regardless of the complexity or simplicity of the method of isolation. Adequate written description requires more than a mere statement that it is part of the invention and a reference to a potential method of isolating it. The polypeptide itself is required. See *Fiers v. Revel*, 25 USPQ 2d 1601 at 1606 (CAFC 1993) and *Amgen Inc. V. Chugai Pharmaceutical Co. Lts.*, 18 USPQ2d 1016.

Furthermore, In *The Reagents of the University of California v. Eli Lilly* (43 USPQ2d 1398-1412), the court held that a generic statement which defines a genus of nucleic acids by only their functional activity does not provide an adequate written description of the genus. The court indicated that while Applicants are not required to

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disclose every species encompassed by a genus, the description of a genus is achieved by the recitation of a representative number of DNA molecules, usually defined by a nucleotide sequence, falling within the scope of the claimed genus. At section B(1), the court states that "An adequate written description of a DNA...'requires a precise definition, such as by structure, formula, chemical name, or physical properties', not a mere wish or plan for obtaining the claimed chemical invention".

The specification does not evidence the possession of all the possible fragments, peptides and derivatives of thrombospondin to be implemented in the claimed invention, nor does the specification identify a plethora of thrombospondin fragments, peptides or derivatives.

The full breadth of the claims do not meet the written description provision of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

- 10. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
 The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
- 11. Claims 192-195 and 201-206 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
- a. Claims 192-194 and 201-203 sets forth "means" within the claims, however there is no disclosure of structure, material or acts for performing the recited function, the claim fails to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Even though Applicants note in their Remarks filed May 13, 2009 that there is support

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for these means that does not absolve Applicants from setting forth corresponding claim language representative of structure.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

12. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

13. Claims 168-171, 177, 180, 183-191 and 197-200 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lander et al./ U.S. Patent number 6,727,063 B1 (filed September 7, 2000). Lander discloses sequence 2, which is the same as Applicants' SEQ ID NO: 1 (reference molecule) and SEQ ID NO: 38 (plasma thrombospondin), see alignment at close of rejection. Lander discloses a method for detecting the presence or absence of these proteins in a biological sample from a test subject and contacting the biological sample with a compound or an agent, such as antibodies capable of detecting the said proteins comprised within a kit, see bridging paragraph of columns 21 and 22; column 22, lines 31-56; bridging paragraph of columns 27 and 28; and column 28, lines 15-25. Biological samples include a range of fluid and tissue types except pure red blood cells, see column 10, lines 12-20. It is the Examiner's position that a plasma sample is included as a biological sample to assay.

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1.rai RESULT 20
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; Sequence 2, Application US/09657472
; Patent No. 6727063
; GENERAL INFORMATION:
; APPLICANT: Lander, Eric S.
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; APPLICANT: Ireland, James S.
; APPLICANT: Bolk, Stacey
; APPLICANT: Daley, George Q. ; APPLICANT: McCarthy, Jeanette J.
  TITLE OF INVENTION: SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS IN GENES
; FILE REFERENCE: 2825.1027-001
; CURRENT APPLICATION NUMBER: US/09/657,472
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; PRIOR APPLICATION NUMBER: US 60/153,357
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; PRIOR APPLICATION NUMBER: US 60/220,947 ; PRIOR FILING DATE: 2000-07-26
; PRIOR APPLICATION NUMBER: US 60/225,724
; PRIOR FILING DATE: 2000-08-16
  NUMBER OF SEQ ID NOS: 2551
; SOFTWARE: FastSEQ for Windows Version 4.0
; SEQ ID NO 2
; LENGTH: 1170
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Db	181	VPIQSVFTRDLASIARLRIAKGGVNDNFQGVLQNVRFVFGTTPEDILRNKGCSSSTSVLL	240	
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Db	241	TLDNNVVNGSSPAIRTNYIGHKTKDLQAICGISCDELSSMVLELRGLRTIVTTLQDSIRK	300	
Qу	301	VTEENKELANELRRPPLCYHNGVQYRNNEEWTVDSCTECHCQNSVTICKKVSCPIMPCSN	360	
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 14. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 15. Claims 168-171, 177, 180 and 183-206 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lander et al./ U.S. Patent number 6,727,063 B1 (filed September 7, 2000), and further in view of Durbin et al. /U.S. patent number 5,922,551 (issued July 13, 1999). The teachings of Lander have been presented in the pending 102(e) rejection. Lander does not teach approaches for manipulating plasma in order to separate it for minimizing platelet activation and/or protease activity.

However, Durbin teaches various techniques for the separation of blood into plasma and its cellular components, and the like to avoid lysis of red blood cells to avoid the release of hemoglobin, which can interfere with diagnostic assays. Compounds such as heparin and clotting factors may be used to inhibit the aggregation of particles. It would have been *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of

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the claimed invention was made to eliminate the presence of contaminating components in a biological sample. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so with a reasonable expectation of success by teachings in all the references, assays involving physiological fluids should be prepared and performed optimally in order to obtain a accurate results.

Conclusion

16. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Alana M. Harris, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571)272-0831. The Examiner works a flexible schedule, however she can normally be reached between the hours of 7:30 am to 6:30 pm, with alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Larry R. Helms, Ph.D. can be reached on (571) 272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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